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Cable dated:2005-11-29T14:19:00C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 008938SIPDISFOR THE DIRECTOR FROM THE AMBASSADORE.O. 12958: DECL: 11/28/2015 TAGS:

Director Mueller,

1. (C) Thank you for including Cairo in your travel to the Middle East. Your visit presents an opportunity to review and upgrade our law enforcement cooperation.
2. (C) The return of the specter of terrorism in Egypt in late 2004, following seven years of safety is seen here as a wake-up call to the Egyptian government -- The bombing of three resorts in the Sinai, October 2004 -- The bombing at a major Cairo tourist market, April 2005 -- The Sharm el-Sheikh bombings.
3. (C) El Adly may lose his job over the Sharm bombings as well as the mis-management of the current Parliamentary elections. As a result, you will have to work closely with the new government.
4. (C) One specific area of cooperation that I understand is under consideration is sharing of fingerprint and other biometric data on suspected terrorists.
5. (C) Your arrival in Egypt coincides with the end of a month-long series of parliamentary elections, in which the outlawed but tolerated Muslim Brotherhood won a majority.
6. (C) The Egyptians have a long history of threatening us with the MB bogeyman. Your counterparts may try to suggest that the President, Hosni Mubarak, is a puppet of the West.
7. (C) At the end of the day, we believe you can best pitch your visit as a serious effort to enhance our law enforcement cooperation. Both sides have a lot to gain from this.

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